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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,

June 3, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

c/o U. S. Steamer "Bear",

in Alaska Waters, Alaska,

My Dear Sir:-

I beg to call to your mind our conversation, relative to the appointment of Mr. W. E. Crews as United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, when I had the pleasure of meeting you on the trip from North Yakima to Seattle.

I desire further to request, if it is consistent and agreeable that you add, by letter to the President, your kind endorsement of Mr. Crews's application. I have such confidence in Mr. Crews's ability and integrity that I feel a pleasure in aiding him to secure this position. I feel quite sure, if you can see your way clear to do so, and are not otherwise compromised in favor of any other candidate, that an endorsement by you to Mr. Cleveland would have great weight as to appointments in Alaska.

Hoping to hear from you in this regard, and wishing you a pleasant sojourn in, and safe return from Alaska, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Metcalfe
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Sitka, Alaska. June 6, 1893. ^{the}

Dr Jackson,

My dear Friend

Your good

kind letter came to me on
last boat, and was very glad
to hear from you again. My
dear friend I cannot tell you
of my feeling. I have lost
my dear wife, she passed
away 24th of April, it seems
as I could never feel happy
again in this world. Will you
please remember me in your
prayers and my little daughter.
Let Holy Spirit Comfort us.
I have been talking with
Mr Austin, yesterday about
the work, He advise me to
write to you about the

Government School at
Lake, see if you can appoint
me there as a teacher, or to
do a Mission work. The people
from Lake have been here
they asking me if I could come
there and teach them about
Jesus. Hoping to hear from
you soon May the Lord
bless and keep you in his
care - Good bye Yours in
the love of Christ

Fred L. Moore

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July 28, 93

East Northfield, Mass.,
June 15, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka,
Alaska.

Sir: -

Enclosed please
find check for ten dollars
for your work in Alaska. This
was appropriated by the
Missionary Committee of the
Northfield Seminary Y. W. C. A.
Please sign the receipt, and
return to

Miss Agnes M. White,
East Northfield,
Mass.

Yours respectfully,
Hattie L. B. Tiley, Jr.

No July?

August 1893

For Type-writing

Department of the Interior,

Copy
Bureau of Education,

ALASKA DIVISION, U. S. R. M. Str Bear

Port Clarence June 30th, 1893

Mr M. W. Bruce

Sup^t of Reindeer Station

Port Clarence. Alaska

Sir

Yours of this date with reference to the purchase of skins & Omiak at C Prince of Wales last October is received. and I regret to be Compelled to say that your action in the matter is not approved.

There is no excuse for a public officer violating the laws of the land. He above all others should be ^{beyond} ~~above~~ suspicion or reproach.

You have done so well the past year, that I greatly regret this one blot on your record.

Please notify all your associates, that the selling, trading or giving of Cartridges to the or breech loading rifles to the Alaskan natives will not be allowed under any circumstances

Any one offending in this matter will subject himself to immediate suspension from his position I have written a circular

letter to the same effect to all the schools & Mission Stations.

There is nothing in this to prevent your allowing a herder, while on duty, or when sent off by yourself or associates after game, the use of a government Rifle & Cartridges

Very Respectfully yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Disappearance of the
loading of Rifles at
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Hon. W. T. Harris, LL.D.
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Commanding:

Steamer "Bear",
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Sir,-

In obedience to your instructions, on July 5th, 1893 I assumed temporary charge of the Reindeer Station at Port Clarence, Alaska, and found a most deplorable state of affairs existing at that place.

The reindeer were in good condition and had increased in numbers, but this was due probably more to the excellent pasturage and the careful attention of the experienced Siberian herders than to good management on the part of the Superintendent.

The condition of the main building was the first thing that occupied my attention. I found back of the house and extending to the privy, a distance of thirty feet, a sheet of stagnant water over a foot deep in some places. This water had been allowed to stand and leak in under the house, until the entire ground under the stores was covered to a depth of several inches, the stores themselves resting on the timbers or else in the water, no floor ever having been laid to keep them dry. Old clothes, boots, seal-skins, and other rubbish had been thrown into this water, in the house, and allowed to rot, so that when we removed them the odor was sickening. Stored away in various corners we found putrid fish and meat, which had evidently been put away for safe keeping and then forgotten.

The trade pots and kettles we found resting in the water and so rusted as to be hardly fit for use, and the flour and other dry stores were stowed immediately over the water, with no flooring between to keep out the moisture. Most of the beef and pork and all the bags of salt were in the water when we found them.

The lower sash of one window had been out for two months, allowing the rain to beat in. We put a new one in place. In the west end of the house the ground timbers had been sawed away to make a place for the stabling of the sled-door, and overhead three of the girders had been removed for some unexplained reason, causing the side of the house to bulge out and weakening it to a considerable extent.

An ice-chest had been built in the house proper, for what purpose it is hard to determine, and two machine-turned doors, brought from San Francisco at great trouble and expense, had been sawed up to make part of the bulkhead.

The overflow from the melting ice in this chest had helped to swell the standing water in the house.

We built a dry storage place and put the flour and beans in it, drained off the water, and filled in the space between the ground timbers with gravel, preparatory to flooring. It took two entire days for the water to run off.

There were three cooking stoves at the Station, but for some unknown reason it had been deemed best to use an old wood-stove which burned great quantities of wood and gave very little heat. We set up one of the ranges, which gave very satisfactory results.

Instead of flooring the house, a ditch had been dug for one-fourth of a mile and the floor-boards used in its construction, for the ostensible purpose of suppling water to the whalers, when there was already an abundant supply provided by nature, and very easy of access.

The tents occupied by the herders were pitched near the house, in the wettest possible place. We gave them some old lumber for flooring and had them pitch their tents on the brow of the bluff where it was dry.

The clothing of the herders and others employed at the Station was in a very bad condition, notwithstanding that the book of expenditures showed an abundant supply had been issued to each person; and there were no seal-skins and other such articles from which to make clothing and boots.

The large dug-out was in nearly the same condition as the main building, filthy and disorderly in the extreme, it being evident that the various calls from nature had been acceded to in the house rather than in the place provided for that purpose.

The sleeping accomodations in both houses were literally alive with vermin, and all of the cooking utensils were in a most filthy condition.

The dug-out in which the herders were obliged to live during the winter was in a most terrible state. I crawled through the mud, slush, and filth part of the way in, but made a hasty exit, not caring to witness the sight which my sense of smell told me I must not see.

I discovered, from one of the herders, that a deer had been lying for two weeks out in the hills with her leg broken, having been bitten by a dog which was Mr. Bruce's personal property. We went out and shot the deer, it being impossible to set the leg, mortification having set in. The next day I shot another one of his dogs, which was chasing the deer.

In checking of the inventory I had no original to go by, but took Mr. Bruce's Return for the quarter ending June 30th, 1893. I found this Return correct in all particulars, and so certified in my receipt to him.

In the checking of this inventory I received no help from him, but rather all the delay and hindrance possible.

I followed out your instructions in regard to the landing of the reindeer by the schooner "Berwick", boarding the vessel when she arrived and informing the master ~~that~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ of his violation of the law.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I felt anxious for the safety of the deer while under my charge, the Siberian herders having all gone home on the "Bear", and the best remaining herder, Kom-e-k-sena, having quit work, on Mr. Bruce's representations, the day I arrived. It is also my firm belief that it was at his instigation that the other natives refused to work, my ignorance of the language and his command of it giving him the advantage.

However, when he left, taking with him eight of the natives for the presumable purpose of setting up some sort of a show in the States, I engaged other herders, the natives at once returned to work, and everything worked smoothly, until, upon the arrival of the "Bear", I was relieved by Mr. W. T. Lopp.

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The "Jennie Wand" (Browner's schooner) went ashore yesterday. We were engaged in working on her yesterday afternoon and well into the night, also today. I have no report from her today, so possibly we may be detained a day or two longer on her account. If the boat brings favorable news of her, we will have finished our business here and will leave for Cape Serdze. None of the vessels have yet succeeded in getting east of the Point. The ice is very heavy and closely packed on the east side. All the vessels but three have left this anchorage, some working towards the Point, others sailing southward. It is extremely cold here, and most of the time the fog is dense. So you see we labor under many difficulties on all sides.

Mrs. Healy joins me in kind regards, and we both wish you luck and success.

Yours truly,
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all the fleet here except the "Rush" and the English vessels. I saw Mrs. Tuck, poor soul. She is so worried about her school. She has only a few girls now. She says Mr. Tingle, desiring to get the contract to supply the Baptists' school at Wood Island, has promised to bring them all the girls for their school he can gather. The Captain says that Wood Island, Kladiak, is a long way to take the girls from, and it should not be allowed by the Department. Of course this will end the Tuck school, if permitted. We are sorry to learn that none of the naval officers have been there or given it their support. Capt. Ludlow says Capt. Hooper has been his valuable informant concerning everything up there. Mrs. Thornton leaves us this morning, and I am glad she is able to go down on the "Corwin" as she will be more comfortable. S

We also find that Mr. Bruce has told them all here that you dismissed him because he would not share his trade with you. He also said he intended to inform everybody of it. I thought you had better know of this, so you can prepare yourself against his falsehood. I am forced to close this, for the "Corwin" will be here in a few minutes, and I wish this to go upon her. I will not have time to read it over for correction. So, excuse all faults that meet your eye.

With kindest regards to your wife, daughters, and yourself, I am, always,
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Captain M. A. Healy, U.S.R.M.
Commanding:

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Sir,--

In obedience to your instructions, on July 5th, 1893 I assumed temporary charge of the Reindeer Station at Port Clarence, Alaska, and found a most deplorable state of affairs existing at that place.

The reindeer were in good condition and had increased in numbers, but this was due probably more to the excellent pasturage and the careful attention of the experienced Siberian herders than to good management on the part of the Superintendent.

The condition of the main building was the first thing that occupied my attention. I found back of the house and extending to the privy, a distance of thirty feet, a sheet of stagnant water over a foot deep in some places. This water had been allowed to stand and leak in under the house, until the entire ground under the stores was covered to a depth of several inches, the stores themselves resting on the timbers or else in the water, no floor ever having been laid to keep them dry. Old clothes, boots, seal-skins, and other rubbish had been thrown into this water, in the house, and allowed to rot, so that when we removed them the odor was sickening. Stored away in various corners we found putrid fish and meat, which had evidently been put away for safe keeping and then forgotten.

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The overflow from the melting ice in this chest had helped to swell the standing water in the house.

We built a dry storage place and put the flour and beans in it, drained off the water, and filled in the space between the ground timbers with gravel, preparatory to flooring. It took two entire days for the water to run off.

There were three cooking stoves at the Station, but for some unknown reason it had been deemed best to use an old wood-stove which burned great quantities of wood and gave very little heat. We set up one of the ranges, which gave very satisfactory results.

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With kindest regards to your wife, daughters, and yourself,
I am, always,
Sincerely yours,
Mary J. Healy.

Captain M. A. Healy, U.S.R.M.
Commanding:

Steamer "Bear",
East Cape, Siberia,
July 18th, 1893.

Sir,-

In obedience to your instructions, on July 5th, 1893 I assumed temporary charge of the Reindeer Station at Port Clarence, Alaska, and found a most deplorable state of affairs existing at that place.

The reindeer were in good condition and had increased in numbers, but this was due probably more to the excellent pasturage and the careful attention of the experienced Siberian herders than to good management on the part of the Superintendent.

The condition of the main building was the first thing that occupied my attention. I found back of the house and extending to the privy, a distance of thirty feet, a sheet of stagnant water over a foot deep in some places. This water had been allowed to stand and leak in under the house, until the entire ground under the stores was covered to a depth of several inches, the stores themselves resting on the timbers or else in the water, no floor ever having been laid to keep them dry. Old clothes, boots, seal-skins, and other rubbish had been thrown into this water, in the house, and allowed to rot, so that when we removed them the odor was sickening. Stored away in various corners we found putrid fish and meat, which had evidently been put away for safe keeping and then forgotten.

The trade pots and kettles we found resting in the water and so rusted as to be hardly fit for use, and the flour and other dry stores were stowed immediately over the water, with no flooring between to keep out the moisture. Most of the beef and pork and all the bags of salt were in the water when we found them.

The lower sash of one window had been out for two months, allowing the rain to beat in. We put a new one in place. In the west end of the house the ground timbers had been sawed away to make a place for the stabling of the sled-door, and overhead three of the girders had been removed for some unexplained reason, causing the side of the house to bulge out and weakening it to a considerable extent.

An ice-chest had been built in the house proper, for what purpose it is hard to determine, and two machine-turned doors, brought from San Francisco at great trouble and expense, had been sawed up to make part of the bulkhead.

The overflow from the melting ice in this chest had helped to swell the standing water in the house.

We built a dry storage place and put the flour and beans in it, drained off the water, and filled in the space between the ground timbers with gravel, preparatory to flooring. It took two entire days for the water to run off.

There were three cooking stoves at the Station, but for some unknown reason it had been deemed best to use an old wood-stove which burned great quantities of wood and gave very little heat. We set up one of the ranges, which gave very satisfactory results.

Instead of flooring the house, a ditch had been dug for one-fourth of a mile and the floor-boards used in its construction, for the ostensible purpose of supplying water to the whalers, when there was already an abundant supply provided by nature, and very easy of access.

The tents occupied by the herders were pitched near the house, in the wettest possible place. We gave them some old lumber for flooring and had them pitch their tents on the brow of the bluff where it was dry.

The clothing of the herders and others employed at the Station was in a very bad condition, notwithstanding that the book of expenditures showed an abundant supply had been issued to each person; and there were no seal-skins and other such articles from which to make clothing and boots.

The large dug-out was in nearly the same condition as the main building, filthy and disorderly in the extreme, it being evident that the various calls from nature had been acceded to in the house rather than in the place provided for that purpose.

The sleeping accommodations in both houses were literally alive with vermin, and all of the cooking utensils were in a most filthy condition.

The dug-out in which the herders were obliged to live during the winter was in a most terrible state. I crawled through the mud, slush, and filth part of the way in, but made a hasty exit, not caring to witness the sight which my sense of smell told me I must not see.

I discovered, from one of the herders, that a deer had been lying for two weeks out in the hills with her leg broken, having been bitten by a dog which was Mr. Bruce's personal property. We went out and shot the deer, it being impossible to set the leg, mortification having set in. The next day I shot another one of his dogs, which was chasing the deer.

In checking of the inventory I had no original to go by, but took Mr. Bruce's Return for the quarter ending June 30th, 1893. I found this Return correct in all particulars, and so certified in my receipt to him.

In the checking of this inventory I received no help from him, but rather all the delay and hindrance possible.

I followed out your instructions in regard to the landing of the reindeer by the schooner "Berwick", boarding the vessel when she arrived and informing the master ~~that~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ of his violation of the law.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I felt anxious for the safety of the deer while under my charge, the Siberian herders having all gone home on the "Bear", and the best remaining herder, Kom-e-k-sena, having quit work, on Mr. Bruce's representations, the day I arrived. It is also my firm belief that it was at his instigation that the other natives refused to work, my ignorance of the language and his command of it giving him the advantage.

However, when he left, taking with him eight of the natives for the presumable purpose of setting up some sort of a show in the States, I engaged other herders, the natives at once returned to work, and everything worked smoothly, until, upon the arrival of the "Bear", I was relieved by Mr. W. T. Lopp.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours,
Chester M. White.
3rd Lieut., U.S.R.M.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Revenue Marine Steamer
General Agent of Education "Bear",
for Alaska. Port Clarence, Alaska,
July 3, 1893.

Sir:

I wish to call your attention to a flagrant violation of law on the part of Mr. Miner W. Bruce, Superintendent of the Reindeer Station at this place, to wit: in having sold contrary to law three breech loading rifles and ammunition for the same to natives of Cape Prince Wales.

There is no excuse whatever for such a violation of law on the part of a Government employee. Whalers, whom I restrain from such traffic, throw back to me that restrictions are placed upon their sale of arms for the benefit that might come to people in the employ of the Government in this region.

Teachers at Cape Prince of Wales complain of the insecurity of life amongst the natives, yet a brother officer furnishes arms without scruple. I look to you for a vindication of this branch of the law by an employee of your Department.

A copy of this letter will be enclosed with my report to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
M. A. Healy,
Captain, U.S.R.M.

Sheldon Jackson, Revenue Marine Steamer
"Bear",
Port Clarence, Alaska,
July 5th, 1893.

My Dear Doctor:

I wrote this coming over, since which time I have been to the station and straightened things out as well as we could in a short time. Messrs. Bruce and Gibson at this writing don't appear to have come to any conclusion whether they will go down or not. I have given them to understand that we have not accommodation and shelter for them at the station. I have withdrawn my offer for transportation in the fall and told them they must not rely on me to take them down in the fall deeming it best to have them away from the

station. The Farallone is here now. Mr. Bruce informed my officer that he had permission from you to purchase deer and place them in the herd, notwithstanding which I have forbidden any deer which Wagner may bring for him to be intermixed in the herd, and have laid claim in the name of the Government to this whole range for the use of the Government herd. I have told him if he wishes to raise deer, he must find another range and other conveniences for caring for them. If I allowed him to put his in it, it would give him an opportunity for unwarranted interference in the management of the herd and give him a standing as a partner of the herd among the natives that he is not entitled to. I do not think it advisable to allow any outside deer in the herd, and think the interests of the Government and project will be best served if this is kept solely as a Government herd.

This change of superintendent convinces me that the station should be kept strictly as a Government Station and the stewards held to a strict accountability for everything connected with it. I think the change a good one all around. We write hurriedly and you must try to get at our intent. The little dogs are half dead and we have them on board to see if we can bring them up. They had received no care ashore.

We can get no satisfactory account of anything and Mr. Lopp will have to take from Mr. White the things as he found them. The Farallone has arrived and I send this letter by her after which I will go over to see if Wagner has taken any of the deer promised us.

Very respectfully,
M.A. Healy,
Captain, U.S.R.M.

Sheldon Jackson, D.D., U.S. Steamer "Bear",
Port Clarence,
July 6, 1893

My dear Doctor:

You had scarcely got outside, when news came to the Captain that Mr. Bruce had chartered the "Berwick" Capt. Werner, and gave him \$200, to purchase reindeer for him (Bruce). Privately, the "Berwick" went out some days ago, and will possibly get the reindeer promised us. You can imagine the Captain is incensed at his audacity, to take advantage of the privilege of the permission given us by the Russian Government to trade rifles for reindeer on the Siberian side. Mr. Bruce passed the "Bear" last evening and went on the "Peters" but made no arrangements to go down. Captain ordered steam at 4 o'clock this morning and went over to the Station. Mr. White came off and told the Captain, that appearances indicate that either of these two gentlemen have prejudiced the natives, as they were loth to obey the orders he would give them, then the interpreter was

sent ashore to tell the natives that Mr. White was the man to be obeyed for the present, that Mr. Bruce and Gibson were no longer "Boss" and they must obey strictly. Mr. Jarvis went ashore and told these two gentlemen they must leave as it is a Government reservation, and that the Captain claimed the whole range from sea to mountain for grazing purposes in the name of the Government, and he would allow no deer (to) land there other than belonged to the Government. The houses are in a fearful condition, the Captain ordered them cleaned up so as to be presentable to Mrs. Lopp, for the poor woman's heart would sink could she behold the terrible condition of the place. Goods sent ashore for the natives have not been marked, and the goods for the Station are in a confused state. Mr. White thinks Mr. Bruce is a bad man, Mr. Gibson he likes better and Mr. Bruce cannot be believed even on oath. Captain Tilton says Mr. Bruce owes him \$60 for trade. You left here just in the wrong time, as so many things come up to be settled. This morning the sick man was sent ashore, the doctor does not think he can live longer than a month. As you know one dog is dead, and we have the other little ones, to see if we can nurse it and make it live, they have not been cared for or fed. It is too bad to be so cruel to these poor little animals.

We have the Siberians on board and would have gone out today only the storm is too severe. It is needless for me to tell you how we miss you. The Cabin looks forlorn without you. I hope you will have a pleasant trip and find all to your satisfaction when you reach Washington. Captain has been looking up the law and finds there is a fine for anybody importing cattle without its passing through the custom house, or having special permission from the Secretary of the Treasury and he has sent a letter to Mr. White to warn Mr. Bruce and Gibson, also Captain Werner, that they can not be landed without breaking the law. Captain says they might have waited another year and gotten permission. The "Berwick" according to law is liable to seizure, as she is not chartered to bring things from a foreign port. Captain says he is tired and sick of trying to make things right up here. He says you and no other man could do anything to any person who might desire to come and squat on this reservation were there not a power behind you, for the white man cannot be relied on up here, and they respect the law now because they know he is here with officers and men who will make them respect what is right. I believe Mr. Bruce and Gibson do not intend to go down, but this letter the Captain has sent may change their minds. Captain told them they could not remain in any of the houses of the Government as he wanted them all for use. I am writing this in a hurry hoping it may reach you before you leave Ounalaska. The Farallone is here and will probably leave tomorrow evening.

You did not get to see the baby after all for we saw you change your course to Kings Island. It is late. I will say good night, with kindest regards in which Captain joins.

Yours sincerely,
Mary J. Healy

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

REVENUE MARINE,
Steamer "Bear",
Point Barrow,
July 30th, 1893

My Dear Doctor:

You see by the heading of this that we are at Point Barrow, where I did not expect to be for a month to come. Weather and ice conditions are what brought me here, and right glad am I that I came. I have already landed the spots for this place and I am nearly through with my inspection of the station. When finished, I shall devote August to Siberia for reindeer. Since you left here I have taken thirty additional deer from South Head and landed them at the station. The next trip, I made for Ontan and the western shore, but, owing to heavy ice, I could not get beyond Tuchowan. I spent a whole week in the endeavor. Finding the ice conditions still against me, I concluded to let St. Michael and the rest of the preconceived plans go and make for this place. I arrived here without encountering any obstacles, three days ago, to find a ridge of heavy ice grounded on the beach, rendering communication with the shore impossible. Providentially, however, a small hole broke through the day after we anchored, thus allowing us to complete our work. God, or luck, seems to steer me right all the time. The station is in first rate condition, and for once there are no charges and counter-charges preferred. The "Jennie" is here and has landed all her stores and lumber. Passage around the Point to the eastward is not practicable & now. Landing of the houses and supplies was done on the ice and by dog teams. The dogs were all used up from the hard work and require several days of rest. I have given Dr. Beaupre and Mr. Stevenson the small house to live in until suitable quarters are built for them, and will permit the school to continue in the station until their house is built. I believe it for the best interest of both that the school-teachers and station be separated.

Now, for the business of the deer. I find Wagner traded five gallons of whiskey for the deer he bought for Bruce, and I have every reason to believe that Bruce counseled it. This reindeer scheme is growing and cannot be run at random. I have written down ideas in that connection as they occurred to me, and send them to the Commissioner through you, to do as you like with. Speaking with Mr. Lopp, I learned that Mr. Bruce, by words or insinuations, has been trying all the time to create distrust, if not bad feeling, between such of us as were prominently concerned in the reindeer scheme; but, like all trouble-leaders, has only hurt himself. The three little dogs have all died. The last one lived nearly a month, and we had hopes that we could nurse him back to health, but he was so badly cared for at the station that all we did or could do was of no avail. The present prosperous condition of the station is in no way due Mr. Bruce. Had I been in Port Clarence when he left, I never would have allowed him to take those natives away, and I hope some one will be thoughtful enough to make him pay for their board and keep while away, and see that they are returned to their homes. To have the reindeer project become the father

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Mary J. Healy.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 10th 1893.

Dr Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska.

Dear Sir,

My wife has a paper to prepare for the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, on the missionary work done in Alaska and the condition of the natives both physical and moral. With the view of making it instructive she seeks facts.

Some of her friends who have visited Alaska suggest that she write you for information on the subject. If you can find time to put her in possession of such data on the subject as you think would be profitable to the Society you will confer a favor on all which will be remembered!

Very respectfully
W D Duble

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 23^d

1893

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:- In reply to your letter of Aug. 12th dated at Sitka, making inquiries about Gov. Knapp's visits to my school in Juneau, and also in regard to amount of interest manifested, will state that the Gov. in company with Judge Deweese of Washington D.C. came into my school a few minutes on Sept. 19th 1892. This is the only time he has visited my school since I have been in Juneau, although he was in Juneau for two weeks during my term at one time. I judge from this and also from the fact that he never made any inquiries about the school that he had but little interest in school affairs. I make the assertion that Gov. Knapp

as impeded rather than advanced the
public school interest in Alaska.
Hoping that this will fully answer your
inquiry I remain

very truly yours
David Davies

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Sitka Aug 24th 1893.

Dr Sheldon Jackson. Sitka.

Dear Sir
in consideration of your short stay
with us, and being engaged in the
evenings myself, I have taken the
liberty and wrote this letter in
behalf of our Society as well as myself.
I, and all our members regard you
as being the main stay and support
to this noble undertaking, my gra-
titude and thanks, for all you have
done and are still doing is due to
you.

The object of this my communication is
to lay before you a Plan by which means
we may enlarge, and complete the
valuable Collection now at hand by
specimens of natural history from
Alaska, Birds, Fishes, Mammals, and
Botanical specimens and at the same
time instruct others of our members
that are willing to learn the art of

making and preserving Specimens
of natural history, and such specimens
may be sold for the benefit of the Society.
The Specimens to be mounted for
the Museum I intend to mount in
first class style. (The Birds mounted on
natural objects, limbs of Trees, Rocks,
moss and foliage,) Fishes with painted
presenting the bottom of the Sea, Rocks
Land Shells Seaweed, etc.) Mammals on
natural features of Soil, grass, Moss, Rocks
etc. besides every group mounted in
separate glass Cases.

I have in my possession a full outfit
of tools, and a good shop to work in
besides many valuable hand books, for
identifying any Specimen that comes
within our reach. It has taken 8 years
of my residence in Sitka to accumulate
this material. If I had the means
for my support, I would gladly furnish
the labor for this noble work gratis,
but my circumstances are such, that I
am compelled to ask a small

Salary for my Support, and after careful
figuring have come to the Conclusion
that \$5.⁰⁰ per month will cover my
necessary expenses, apart from the work
above, without additional cost, and
willing to give my attention and labor
in painting and decorating the new
mansion to be build.

Hoping to meet your kind favor
in the above matter - I remain Yours
and the Society's obedient Servant.

T. G. Browne.

(COPY)

Point Barrow, Arctic Ocean,

Aug. 19th, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir,-

I was very much disappointed to hear that you have been called back to the southeastern district by the unexpected order. I hope you had a very successful tour, through His protection. Here we have no news of particular during last winter; the party at both stations all well, though the winter was a cold one; lowest register of the grass being down to 56° below zero; we had first rain on the 17th of May, the last snow on the 23rd of July. The natives of our vicinity are so far in very good condition. Whaling was not very successful; a number of whales were killed at the villages of Cape Smith and Point Barrow (only four each, small ones, no bone); Anton's party caught none. But as a rule these natives, as long as they have plenty of blubber, black-skin, and meat, call it a good season. I think it is, because these small whales provide just what they need for food and fuel. The fur-trade here is very poor this season; only four bears have been killed between here and Belcher; so you can guess what the season was.

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The Doctor had a very successful school last winter, the average attendance per day being from 18 to 20. Sometimes he had 30, so that the little room was packed with the people. Since he has had the school the pupils have shown rapid progress in every day knowledge, because the Doctor gave them very different teaching from that of Mr. S. From my observation, the Doctor drills the

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, 3.

pupils mostly from object-lessons. Instead of this, Mr. S. used to force them very hard with reading and writing (or rather copying) from cards; he also tried to make them recite his own "poem" every day. I think some pupils did very well with the day's work, though not knowing what they were reading or doing.

Mr. S. left us for home on the 5th inst., on board the "Jennie Wand". He told us that he would come up again to relieve the Doctor, if the Board of Missions hired him. Now sir, my dear Doctor, I would like to tell you some very foolish acts of Mr. S., which he did before he left here. I beg of you to read carefully if you think I have a right to inform you.

Mr. S. was very much dissatisfied with the school lumber which you sent to him and the Doctor. I trust you know all about the lumber from Mr. S. and the Doctor, so I will not repeat it here. Mr. S. told us that "you were not a man able to manage business, that you never answer his orders for school lumber or other things for which the school sends". He also said that if "he had to come up here again for school he would not go under your management; that he would try hard to get you out of the management of the schools, or he would not come". He also said that every trouble and failure in the building of the school here was due to Dr. Jackson's mismanagement", etc. What he has said, most of the

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people in the station will tell you--about what I have. Mr. S. treated Mr. Kelly in a very ungentlemanly manner. One occasion of this treatment was in connection with a whaling scheme of his own. He acted also in a very unmanly way toward the Doctor, and even toward us. We did not make any trouble about it, but only let him know how we regarded it. We have more information to give you, but it will be better to tell you personally, at your next visit here.

I believe that both Captain Healy and Mrs. Healy will visit Washington this winter; Captain Healy's steward, Frank, accompanying them. If Frank calls on you I would like to get a copy of your "Alaska", with vocabulary. I am writing a little book of my experience on the "Bear" and Alaska, the Arctic, etc., and I am intending to publish it when I visit home, in Japan. Therefore, I am very anxious to have your "Alaska", to get more correct information on the subject. Also, I would like to have the "Eleventh Census of Alaska", if it is already printed by the Government. If Frank fails to call on you, I beg that you will send it to the "Bear" or to Mr. Foster.

Begging your pardon for troubling you with this letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) K. Abe.

ack

Chicago Ill.

2724 Dear Rochester

Sept. 12. 1878.

My dear Dr Jackson

Welcome back to home!

Your card came to my hand
Friday and only yesterday
said to Mrs. Fay that I

so much you will be there
for the first meeting of
the World's Parliament of
Religion. Am you are here.

I am glad to have you
for a glimpse of the new
spiritualism as you see

catching a moment of rest
to your kind, kindly prayers.
For mine and those standing
for all that is to be done in
Northern Ire. Mr. Holman
has been your help, and
the Lord.

When I have seen the truth
will you send me some more?

With Christian regard
In which I am, Dear Sir,
Sincerely yours
Miss C. Holman.

71 East 87th Street
New York. Sept 3rd/93

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Please

pardon my delay
in acknowledging
the check you
returned which
was to have been
for my charges

work. My term of office as Treasurer
of the Sunday School expired a few
days after I sent you the check. I
have authority in the matter but
sent your letter and the check
to Dr Sabine, who may take the
responsibility of giving you an
answer. If not, you will hear
soon, for the teachers and scholars
will shortly be in their places
again, when a vote can be taken
on the question. No doubt the

check will be
returned to you.

I have your
last report which
is very interesting.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

Francis P. Challenger

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lege Societies . . .
During the World's Fair

Chicago, September 15 1893

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Washington D C

Rev Dr Jackson;-

I feel that we are under many obligations to you for your considerate kindness in speaking so highly of Hotel Endeavor to our friends, resulting in their coming to Hotel Endeavor and wish to thank you for this, and am sorry indeed we were not able to have you give the address on Alaska in the Tabernacle of Hotel Endeavor, it certainly would have been a delight to all to have heard you, I wish it could have been possible for you to have been with us on Sunday evening when we had a large audience, who would have been overjoyed to have heard you, but of course the arrangement for you to speak for Dr. Martyn compelled you to be absent from our services that evening. I was glad to see your address reported in part, in some of the papers.

With sincere regards and hoping to hear from you again and at a later date seeing you with us, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Chas. B. Holdrege
Secretary Hotel Endeavor.

ack

Chicago Ill.

3974 Dixiel Boulevard

Sept 19. 1893.

My dear Dr. Jackson.

I have been ill. and
on my reporting to the
Anthropological Building
I learned of your pointing
call & was filled with
regret. I wrote you to
West Endcar. but perhaps
in the multiplicity of new
letters it may have failed
to reach you as I had no

Additional address to business
delivered.

I am very sorry we
could not meet, there are
so many projects in which
I would be glad to have
spoken with you and
have consulted with you.
I hope you are safe in
these cyclone days. I
am at the. We were
to have the. Some have
been & am. meet some but
blow but we will wait.

• Shall you be at Lake Umbagog? I hope so.

And Mrs. May found me & ask the same
of a line telling me of your life & your health.
& of your work. Dr. Patn^r told me you were
quite successful. I am sure that if patient Patn^r
could bring it all about you would com-
plete it. How are all our old-time friends?
I hope you at Mr. Stone's directly. For
you were given a visit to S. E. & the

if I am rightly informed.

Please give my affectionate greetings to your
wife and family. I am sure they have been to
the Fair.

With very kind wishes.

Sincerely yours

Wm. C. Feltner.

Please remember me to Dr. Harris, also to my
other friends, also to the Rev. Mr. Beman.



REV. S. H. KING,

PASTOR OF THE

sent LOG CABIN CHURCH, *sent*

JUNEAU CITY,

ALASKA.

Juneau, Alaska, Perry Iowa 9²³ 1893

Rev Sheldon Jackson M D

Dear Brother; I
am now located in this Presbytery - Des Moines - and will
probably locate here. I have been granted leave to
work in this Presbytery for six months and have accepted
a work at Perry, a nice little city - near Des Moines a place of
six churches - among which the Pres E is by no means
the least. I took it for six months pending the reception of
a call - and also my letter of dismissal from Presbytery
of Alaska. The Board notified me that my work in Alaska was
done - and in spite of protests sent into their office from
Mr Heide and other believers in ^{my} the work & methods of kindling
a religious spirit in the whiskey soaked Alaskans - but without
avail. So I am constrained to abide by the decision of my chiefs &
adapt myself to the situation. Of course I regretted it deeply and feel
no little of resentment but I have not given expression to my feelings in
the matter. I have accepted the ruling as one that has Providence
brought us in contact with a larger field than I had hoped or deserved to have.

My heart had been set on Alaska as a life work and now we begin
again to build. We have a nice people here - a new church & manse. I'm imag-
ine where I am in point of finance. Have had buy everything new - as if I had
just started house keeping. My hope is that I will not move again - in any
direction. If I had known I was going to remain in U.S. I would have made
an effort to get located in the Presbytery of Bristol - for I did like your
mother-in-law - Mr. Kerevoss - so much. Yes; and Mrs. King admired every one
she met from your own family to those of Capt. Smith especially his daughter
who was home on a visit from the west. I would like to reside there forever.
I have not always our will in these matters. I do hope that
my enemies who made things warm for me with their tongues & letters will
be converted ere they do any more damage to our work in Tuncan. Here is the
list of men who hate me, despise our church & the Public schools & patronize the Priest and his
five sisters in their foreign work in Tuncan. These men would if they could - devour Mr. Heid - our
royal champion. Look out for Law Lawyers Malony - Blockitt - Hoyt - Gov Knapp -
and traders Kohler & James, Goldsteins & Levys - I forgive these men ^{while} hard - and I
hate to acknowledge a defeat at their hands - yet I am glad to drop into a
place where Catholics & enemies surround me. I am done with that
Cuan-na-gael forever. Therefore I ask you to keep them in mind - I did you a good
turn and your work - by going before Bruce Clevidence. He had me write down my
statements and I did so - (Ask Mr. Hamilton.) Besides sending me my letter and ask-
ing you to keep Perry, as a name and P.C. unknown to any enemy or teacher or
friend like E. S. Willard - I will ask one more favor. Help me dispose of
my model of the Log Church - now in Lieut. Emmet's Collection. He wrote me
last week asking what disposition to make of it when the fair is over. I told
him to wait - as I wanted it sold and money he sent to him I said - Yes. To Oliver.
The price asked was \$10.00. It cost \$6.00. The Carpenter Paul subors - is not paid yet but as
he is a member of the Church he will wait. If it cannot be sold - then I will have to pay
subors as I guaranteed him before the Af. Fair. Rev Mr. Hale - Chr. of Pres. Exhibit, which closed down owing
to Sunday discussion - and asked for it for the Pres. Historical Room - but I told him I could not
afford to give it to him, and he had exhausted their small exchequer. Hoping to hear from
you - I remain your friend and disciple always in this Great Work - and Name.

Our SC's name is Rev E. O. Walker (whom I met first in Tuncan 1892) I have 4 of his letters in this Presbytery also.



LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE,
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A. K. SMILEY,
PROPRIETOR.

Sept 25/93. 189

Mr. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir: - Your very kind letter of the 21st inst. is recd, and we are very glad indeed to learn that we may hope to see you at Mohonk during the coming Indian Conference. The Conference will

be held this year on the 11th, 12th and 13th of Oct. - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We extend to yourself and wife, a very cordial invitation to be present at the Conference as our guests, and would be glad to welcome you on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, so that you may be present at the preliminary meeting to be held on the evening of that day.

We would be pleased to have you bring your stereopticon views with you, and think we can arrange for a lecture, altho the time is pretty well filled.

We enclose time-table showing best connections from Phila.

follows; - Leave Phila. at 8²⁰ A.M.
and arrive at New Paltz at 3³⁹
P.M., as shown by enclosed time-
table.

Hoping that nothing will
occur to prevent your coming ~~as~~
and with kindest regards, in
which Mrs. Smiley joins, be-
lieve me,

Very truly yours,
A. K. Smiley

for A. D. Loring

Do not fail to come. We will
count on you. It will do so
much good to have you here.



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5526 Cornell Ave

25th Sept. 93

My dear Doctor;

Yours & inclosure are at hand:

Yes, I will attend to his wants and I presume
I shall be here when he arrives -

He had already written me for \$5 - ~~He had~~
I had ~~had~~ written him, I would attend to it
later - I had not heard from him since.

Thanks for information about apartment
I hope I can all be readily accepted -
Elsie has gone to Highland - Shirley Quincy
is here with their mother -

I have twice visited the Swedish
Museum & visited the papers -
In your haste.

Sincerely yours friend
Mrs Butler -

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Can I

Skulthi died last Sabbath - I told him how you inquired about him &c

Your friend Ever

Place and time of day. 11.00.00.00

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Sept 21 - 93

Dear Dr. J. Jackson

Welcome home! We have rejoiced in your safe return.

As Mr Finks is just making ready to leave for a lecturing trip I write for him in reply to your kind favor, making inquiry if he can come to Lake Umbagog.

Mr Finks would be very glad to see you, and also for the privilege of seeing a little of the Conference. He could come if the date is put for the 12th. He has a series of lectures which ends with Oct 10th at Athens^{Pa.}. By close connections, it would be

possible to reach Ingham Calo
on the afternoon of the 11th. But
as he ~~would~~^{will} have been lecturing
continuously he will be quite fatigued
and would prefer to wait until
the next evening, though if that is
not available he could give you
the assistance on the 11th. The risks
in close connection, in transporting gas &c
are greater - that is there is always
a little likelihood of failure to connect;
and of course this would not do.

Kindly drop a line ^{as to what} you conclude.
All join in warmest regards.

Very sincerely,
A. J. Ficks

Office of the Christian Advocate
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Detroit, Mich. Sept. 30-1893

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I consider it a high honor that anything that I may have written or said or done or any office that the Church ever gave me should lead you to write me. I have followed you from the time you went to Alaska until now. My views with regard to the matter at Alaska agree with yours. All the inquiries I made, though I did not go to Unalaska, lead me to think it would be an error to allow that school to go.

I have been summoned to this City by reason of a railroad accident which destroyed two of my relatives and it has temporarily upset my plans and I have to put off several engagements. On my return I will fix a time, and if it is possible for me to do so at that time or any other, I would like to meet the missionary secretaries with you. One of them is in India, but two of them can be seen.

The exact date of the meeting at Toledo escapes me now, but I will correspond with some people about it.

Yours Sincerely J. M. Buckley
150 5th Ave
New York

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Alaska Div.
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A. K. SMILEY,
PROPRIETOR.

Sept. 29/93 189

Mr. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir:- Your kind letter of the 26th inst. is recd, and we are pleased to learn that we may hope to see you at Mohonk on Tuesday, 10th prox., and trust that Mrs Jackson may be

able to accompany you.

In regard to stereopticon lantern and gas for same, we will have everything in readiness.

Very truly yours,

A. K. Smiley,
Per. H. G. M.